

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for spinning a multifilament thread from a thermoplastic material, the method comprising: ~~comprising~~
_____ extruding a melted thermoplastic material through a spinneret having a plurality of spinneret holes to form a filament bundle comprised of a plurality of filaments,
_____ winding the filaments as thread after solidifying,
_____ and cooling the filament bundle beneath the spinneret, the cooling being conducted in two steps,
_____ wherein a first step of the cooling is conducted in a first cooling zone and a second step of the cooling is conducted in a second cooling zone that is beneath the first cooling zone,
_____ wherein in the first cooling zone, the gaseous cooling medium is blown from a blowing device and the a gaseous cooling medium flow is directed in such a way that it flows through the filament bundle transversely by sucking the gaseous cooling medium with a suction device after the gaseous cooling medium flows through the filament bundle, at least a portion of the filament bundle in the first cooling zone being disposed between the blowing device and the suction device, and
_____ wherein the gaseous cooling medium blown from the blowing device leaves the filament bundle substantially completely on a side opposite an inflow side within the first cooling zone, and
_____ wherein in the second cooling zone, ~~which is beneath the first cooling zone,~~ the filament bundle is cooled further through self-suction of ~~the a~~ a gaseous cooling medium surrounding the filament bundle.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a flow speed of the gaseous cooling medium in the first cooling zone is between 0.1 and 1 m/s.
4. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the first cooling zone has a length between 0.2 and 1.2 m.
5. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein in the second cooling zone, the filaments are led between perforated materials in such a way that the gaseous cooling medium can reach the filaments from two sides during the self-suction.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein in the second cooling zone, the filament bundle is led through a perforated tube.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the filaments are drawn after cooling and before being wound up.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the winding is performed at speeds of at least 2000 m/min.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the gaseous cooling medium is air or an inert gas.
10. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material is polyester, polyamide, polyolefin or mixtures of these polymers.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~Method~~ The method according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material consists essentially of polyethylene terephthalate.
12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) Filament yarns made by a ~~process~~ the method according to Claim 1.

13. (Withdrawn) Polyester filament yarns having a breaking tenacity T in mN/tex and an elongation at rupture E in %, wherein the product of the breaking tenacity T and the cube root of the elongation at rupture E , $T \cdot E^{1/3}$, is at least 1600 mN %^{1/3}/tex.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~The polyester~~ Polyester filament yarns according to Claim 13, wherein the sum of an elongation in % after application of a specific load (EAST - elongation at specific tension) of 410 mN/tex and a hot-air shrinkage (HAS) at 180°C in % (EAST + HAS) is less than 11%.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~A cord~~ Cord comprising polyester filament yarns according to Claim 13, the cord having a retention capacity R_t in % after dipping, wherein a quality factor Q_f , which is the product of $T \cdot E^{1/3}$ of the polyester filament yarns and R_t of the cord, is greater than 1350 mN %^{1/3}/tex.

16. (Currently Amended) ~~The method~~ Method according to claim 5, wherein the perforated materials comprise perforated panels.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~The filament~~ Filament yarns according to claim 12, wherein the filament yarns are polyester filament yarns.

18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) ~~The polyester~~ Polyester filament yarns according to claim 14, wherein the sum of EAST + HAS is less than 10.5%.